



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029**

June 2, 2006

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Cove Point Expansion Project,
Dominion Cove Point LNG, L.P. Docket Nos. CP05-130-000, CP05-132-000, and
Dominion Transmission, Inc. CP05-131-000, PF04-15-000

Dear Ms. Salas:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Cove Point Expansion Project. The project sponsors, Dominion Cove Point LNG, L.P. and Dominion Transmission, Inc. have proposed to expand the existing Cove Point liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal in Calvert County, Maryland; construct a 48 mile gas pipeline in Maryland; construct a 113 mile gas pipeline and associated facilities in Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and New York. This review was conducted in accordance with Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7609, PL 91-604 12(a), 84 Stat.1709), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

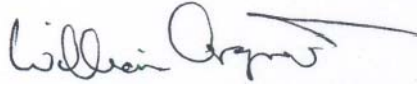
While the FEIS addressed most of EPA's comments on the draft EIS we have remaining environmental concerns and issues that have not been addressed.

There are no mitigation plans for all unavoidable impacts to wetlands, wetland transitional areas and shallow water habitat included in the FEIS. The Council of Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR § 1502.14 (f)), states that an environmental impact analysis shall include appropriate mitigation measures not already included in the proposed action or alternatives. As such, please provide the appropriate mitigation plans prior to release of or within the Record of Decision.

Offset mitigation measures for the temporary construction-related emission sources should be documented prior to release of or within the Record of Decision.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project and looks forward to working with FERC in addressing the environmental issues related to this project. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Magerr at (215)814-5724.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Arguto", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William Arguto,
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